

## Locating Housing for Adult Registered Offenders

Locating appropriate housing for registered offenders can be difficult due to various laws imposing restrictions on where an offender is allowed to live. Community Mental Health Centers have received technical assistance and general information from the Department, and any information given has been based on what the Department is aware of in Missouri Statute and on-line information from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A sex offender fact sheet is available at <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/factsheet.html>

The following are some highlights from the MSHP website regarding where an offender may reside. This is not intended to encompass all information or laws regarding registered offenders.

- Missouri implemented a statewide Sex Offender Registration program in January 1995 in accordance to standards set by the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act. The Missouri Sex Offender Registry can be accessed through the Missouri State Highway Patrol's website at <http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov>.
- Offenders convicted, found guilty or pled guilty prior to January 1, 1995 and not required to register in another state, federal or military jurisdiction, are no longer required to register with the Chief Law Enforcement Official (CLEO). However, sexually violent predators must register.
- Any person who moves into Missouri from another state and is registered (or has ever registered) in that state or would be required to register under Missouri law if the offense had been committed in Missouri, must register as a sex offender.
- The duration of registration in Missouri is lifetime.
- Persons living out of state but who work or attend school or training on a full-time or part-time basis or has temporary residence must also register as a sex offender in Missouri.
- Certain offenders cannot reside within 1000 ft. of a school (up to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade) or child care facility, 566.147 RSMo
  - Refer to the statute for a listing of which offenders this applies to.
  - If the offender had already established a residence and a public school, a private school or child care facility is built or placed within 1000 ft. the person shall notify the county sheriff. The rule does not specify if the offender can remain living there or if he/she will have to move; that decision is up to the sheriff's department.
  - The Missouri Supreme Court ruled in 2008 that the 1000 ft. residential restriction did not apply to offenders who resided at their place of residence on or before June 5, 2006.
  - If the offender was convicted in the state of Missouri on or before August 28, 2004, the 1000 foot rule has not previously applied. However due to a December 2013 ruling by the Missouri Supreme Court, the sheriff's department now has the authority to determine if the ruling applies to an offender whose conviction occurred prior to this date.
  - If the offender was convicted in another state on or before August 28, 2008, the 1000 foot rule has not previously applied. However due to a December 2013 ruling by the Missouri Supreme Court, the sheriff's department now has the authority to determine if the ruling applies to an offender whose conviction occurred prior to this date .
- Certain offenders cannot be present within 500 feet of school property, RSMo 566.149. Refer to the statute for a listing of which offenders this applies to.
- Certain offenders cannot be physically present or loiter within 500 feet of a child care facility, RSMo 566.148. Refer to the statute for a listing of which offenders this applies to.
- Certain offenders cannot be present or loiter within 500 feet of a public park or swimming pool, RSMo 566.150. Refer to the statute for a listing of which offenders this applies to.
- Contact the local sheriff's department if you have questions regarding where an offender may live. There are additional Missouri Supreme Court rulings pending which may change the information in this document. Therefore, rely on official information from the MSHP and your local sheriff's department.